

Amendments to the Claims:

Please amend Claims 1, 8, 15, and 17. The Claim Listing below will replace all prior versions of the claims in the application:

Claim Listing:

1. (Currently amended) A method for maintaining accounting data comprising the steps of:
 - (a) providing a database for storing desired accounting data;
 - (b) using an automated voice interface to the database during a telephone call, for spoken communication by a user, over a communication line, prompting [[a]] the user to enter accounting data primarily by speaking into a phone connected to the telephone call using natural language speech utterances instead of keyboarding and in a manner free of the user logging onto a global network and free of intermediate transfer of data by the user, the voice interface receiving audible signals indicative of words spoken by the user into the phone in response to said prompting;
wherein said prompting includes at least one of (i) initiating a first call to the user, (ii) asking the user to confirm information and (iii) prompting for information one data point at a time, such that the step of prompting provides an exchange of information between the user and the database;
 - (c) obtaining from the received audible signals certain accounting data corresponding to the words spoken by the user into the phone;
 - (d) storing the obtained certain accounting data in the database; and
 - (e) serving an individually targeted message to the user through the phone over the communication line.
2. (Previously presented) A method as claimed in Claim 1 wherein the communication line is a wireless or land telephone network.
3. (Original) A method as claimed in Claim 1 wherein the automated voice interface is computer implemented.
4. (Original) A method as claimed in Claim 1 further comprising the step of automatically providing accounting data stored in the database to another user.

5. (Original) A method as claimed in Claim 4 wherein the step of automatically providing includes providing the accounting data as a function of predefined rules.
6. (Original) A method as claimed in Claim 1 wherein the desired accounting data includes length of time, dates, project identifier, type of expense, and the database stores desired accounting data in corresponding data fields.
7. (Previously presented) A method as claimed in Claim 1 further comprising the step of retrieving or editing accounting data from the database using the automated voice interface.
8. (Currently amended) A method for maintaining accounting data of time and expenses on respective projects, comprising the steps of:
 - (a) providing a database for storing desired accounting data;
 - (b) using an automated voice interface to the database during a telephone call, for spoken communication by a user, over a communication line, prompting [[a]] the user to enter accounting data by speaking into a phone connected to the telephone call using natural language speech utterances in a manner free of (1) the user keyboarding, (2) the user logging into a global network and (3) intermediate transfer of data by the user, the voice interface receiving audible signals indicative of words spoken by the user into the phone in response to said prompting;

wherein said prompting includes at least one of (i) initiating a first call to the user, (ii) asking the user to confirm information and (iii) prompting for information one data point at a time, such that the step of prompting provides an exchange of information between the user and the database;
 - (c) obtaining from the received audible signals certain accounting data corresponding to the words spoken by the user into the phone;
 - (d) storing the obtained certain accounting data in the database to enable tracking and reporting of time, events and expenses corresponding to the obtained accounting data; and

(e) serving an individually targeted message to the user over the communication line.

9. (Original) A method as claimed in Claim 8 wherein the communication line is a wireless or land telephone network.
10. (Original) A method as claimed in Claim 8 wherein the automated voice interface is computer implemented.
11. (Original) A method as claimed in Claim 8 further comprising the step of automatically providing accounting data stored in the database to another user.
12. (Original) A method as claimed in Claim 11 wherein the step of automatically providing includes providing the accounting data as a function of predefined rules.
13. (Original) A method as claimed in Claim 8 wherein the desired accounting data includes length of time, dates, project identifier, type of expense, and the database stores desired accounting data in corresponding data fields.
14. (Previously presented) A method as claimed in Claim 8 further comprising the step of retrieving or editing accounting data from the database using the automated voice interface.
15. (Currently amended) A method as claimed in Claim 1 wherein if the words spoken by the user into the phone are in one language and the database stores accounting data in another language, then the steps of prompting and storing include translating between the one language and ~~the~~ said another language.
16. (Cancelled)

17. (Currently amended) A method as claimed in Claim 8 wherein if the words spoken by the user into the phone are in one language and the database stores accounting data in another language, then the steps of prompting and storing include translating between the one language and ~~the~~ said another language.
18. (Cancelled)